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Collectors' Notices.

M. C. S. ATHER will call upon our subscribers in Lincoln County during April.

M. H. G. ELLIS will call upon our subscribers in East Kennebunk during April.

Closure of a Useful Life.

We announced last week the death of Peter Cooper, at his home in New York, at the age of 92 years. He was ill but a few days of pneumonia. The career of this venerable and respected man is one of the most notable in American history, and illustrates the possibilities before the ambitious and persevering youth in our republic can form of government. His remarkably long life, covering almost a century; his enterprise and strength of character, by which he raised himself from poverty to vast wealth; and the magnificent philanthropy which has employed that wealth for the good of society, places him among the foremost men of modern times. His life in years was nearly coincident with that of the republic itself. He was born in the last year of Washington's first term as President, three years after the adoption of the Constitution, and died within the century of the establishment of the national government. During his lifetime the nation has grown from four to fifty-four millions, and from a struggling people to be one of the foremost powers of the world. It gives one a vivid idea of the magic development of this country when it is thus measured by the lifetime of one man.

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Parnell nor any member of the

the will come to America.

eth Turner, widely known in

in Boston and New York,

day.

az, ex-President of the Mexican

is receiving the hospitalities of

his yacht, which with his fit-

for services, will cost \$25,000,

on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce

reached Mount Forest, Ontario,

the first since March 5.

like of the bricklayers of Chicago

with carrying forward

Wilson, wife and two daughters,

to death in their house, three

Hartwick, Otsego county, New

morning.

Yesterdays of Representatives

any play in which the Saviour

personated, under a penalty of

and six months' imprisonment.

"Olly Hooly" died at Manchester,

and hundred and five years, the oldest

in New Hampshire, probably in

planted which had been estab-

lished in the Pass Correra, Roma,

the engineering works conducting oper-

ations were killed and many inno-

mately.

the labor bill passed

Wisconsin Legislature imposing a

imprisonment in the case of the

of children under 14 years of

the nearly 3000 out of employ-

Milwaukee.

ings (Neb.) special says: Ingra-

veen, the murderers of Cash

were hanged by a mob of 35 masked

men who were not known

as done with Babcock, the other

Renway jumped from the fast

at Hartford, Conn., Saturday

it was entering that city. Both

of them were hanged after the

hospital. He jumped off at

near his residence instead of the

train's arrival at the depot.

Augustinian Society (The Cath-

olic Church Lawns) Maine

into involved. This is a

to many of their creditors who

to get some out of the con-

cernments two attachments

each property.

the storied Saturday morning a

in the levee just below the

the water over the levees

the day in many places.

W. C. Smith, who committed

of the funds of New Rochelle in

body, being acting treasurer of the

education.

Financial embarrass-

ment to have been the cause of

there is much anxiety re-

the safety of the town money.

ta Fe, N. M., despatch says Col-

the report of losing the train in

the mud.

that a marauding band has been

son from Arizona, but be-

ing the Mexican boundary,

yet it has been heard from Capt.

part was made to wreck a train

Missouri Pacific Railroad, 16 miles

from Durango, Colorado.

but no harm was done.

it was a design to stop the

to Mexico, having on board \$100,-

000 in gold and silver.

Central. A negro was

near the obstruction and jailed.

Bulter's Fast day proclamation

to bring out large congregations

on, people were asked to know

they were very severe in their

One clergyman remarked that

should be offered for the Governor,

may become as pious as his pro-

present year will be unusually quiet.

Only one important disputed

Ohio—held an election during the

the State election,

as it may be, former, afford stock enough to keep the market from maintaining a con-

dition. But the claim of 1883 is

to the storm of 1883.

an which, a wealthy farmer

Lawrence, N. J., while overturn-

an heap one day last week, ran

high, although painful at the time

the public exposure three

post office, however insignifi-

carried to have been the cause of

the accident.

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on the scene, by appearance

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Recall.

BY A. V. FRENCH.
Come back, oh come! The past shall be
A short time for me to welcome you
Come back, and bring my welcome see
How thou art still beloved.

I move in vain to call my heart
To stop its ceaseless throb,
But, oh! the dream would not depart,
And I must have it.

Come back, and never more shall doubt
Or cold distract me mine;

My heart has no secrets now, out,
And none is wholly thine.

Our Story Teller.

THE CHEST OF DRAWERS.

"Married," said Mrs. Bubble—"married! And without either wedding-cake or媒媒, nor even as much as a neighbor called in to witness the ceremony. And to Abel Jones—he is as poor as poverty itself. Mary, I never could have believed it of you."

Pretty Mary Bubble's brown eyes sparkled half with exultation, half with vague fear.

"It's out in 'Squire Larkins' garden," said she. "Squire Larkins is there, and Miss Wynwood, and Mr. Hall. Abel was the ice-hockey boy, and he must be out, because he couldn't endure the suspense."

"Not a stir," said Abel, and then, after a minute's pause on the part of the pioneer of the aesthetic, he would add, "Unless you'd like to look at this crest-topped chest of drawers, I can't make up my mind to tell you about it. And as for poor, why Abel has his trade, and no one can deny that he is an industrious, temperate young man; and, please, Mrs. Jones, if you will let me, I'll tell the neck," if you forgive me for disobeying you this once, I never will do it again."

So Mrs. Bubble—although she had given up all hope of getting away from the mortification of having a daughter married by a justice of the peace—finally forgave bright-eyed Mary and consented that Abel Jones should set up his shop at the foot of the farm lane, there to commence the conflict of life.

"Though I'm quite sure," said Mrs. Bubble, "that I did hope, I did hope, I did hope, Mary, you would have married some one who could at least have cleared the mortgage off the old place."

But Abel Jones, though he was Youth and Love were sitting in Life's sun-shine, old Cressus is one too many. Let him go his way; who cares for him?

"We shall get along," said Abel.

"Of course we shall get along," said Mary.

And thus matters stood when Mrs. Sophie Larkins, a young friend in flounced white muslin, stepped into the bubble house, to drink a glass of milk and eat some of Mrs. Bubble's cherry shortcake.

"I hold the bride is well," said Mrs. Larkins, laughing.

"Tollable, thank you," said Mrs. Bubble. "She's gone up to Deacon Faraday's to get their receipt for making soft soaps. Abel will be here in a few days, and then we'll be at work. His humor is sort o' company for me, when I set here alone. I don't deny he's a decent young man enough; but he's not a bit as good as he is with Mary's face, and her term o' abeyance, though school, she's ought to done better."

"What a beautiful old chest of drawers," cried Sophie, smiling ecstasically. "What lovely brass ornaments! And what picture-esque claw legs!"

"Oh yes," said Mrs. Larkins. "It is over the door, and every old. Everybody has heard of Mrs. Bubble's antique chest of drawers."

"'Tis mine, it ain't the same at all, I sold the old one a month ago."

"Sold it," echoed Mrs. Sophie Larkins.

"I didn't look in it," said Mrs. Bubble, looking longingly over the edge of her saucer-pie and varnish, and it was a hand and a letter-case, with a patch-work pattern in paper patterns. In fact, when the fine young lady from the city is boarding at Doctor Holloway's, offered me a box of chocolates. In fact, he was winking sin to refuse so much money, so I sold it. And John's wife, she couldn't hardly believe her ears when she heard tell of it."

"Sophie, don't you suppose you could sell 'The Death of Jonathan' for the same money?"

"A bit I know just how she felt, and was not a bit sorry for her, for she was always a grasping thing. But after it had gone away in Doctor Holloway's wagon I began to feel a little satay down and dead. And Abel, he said,

"'Cheer up, mother,' says he, 'I'll make you another like it.' And there is it," added Mrs. Bubble with honest pride, "and you'll never know it was the same old chest of drawers. He'd darkened it down, bleached it up, and painted on claw legs, and beat out a lot of old brasses, and made them—maiden ladies of an unhooked acre—slighted out of their open box-wagon and stepped in for a drink of water."

The old chest of drawers, however, and the gourd-shell lying in the grass beside the sweep; and the cleanly-scrubbed kitchen, with the rag rug in its corner, and the old chest of drawers.

"Same to you, sir," said Abel.

"I am a poor, but honest carpenter," said the professor, "to inquire of you."

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